#### First observation of the dynamics of nano-scale particulates in diesel exhaust via smallangle x-ray scattering (SAXS).

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In order to reduce emissions of nano-scale particulates in engine exhaust streams it is important to understand the mechanisms of formation and growth of nano-particulates. The structure of nano-scale particles may be modified by sampling techniques such as dilution or in filters making in situ measurements more useful. Further, observation of the dynamics of nano-particle structural changes as a function of engine conditions during acceleration and deceleration, start-up/shut-down or under variable load are most useful if real time data is available. Despite a wide range of analytic measures of nano-scale soot, a direct, non-destructive observation in engine exhaust streams is of interest to understanding and removal of this potentially dangerous combustion byproduct [1-10].

We have recently developed for the first time an in situ technique using x-ray scattering (SAXS) at synchrotron facilities that can directly quantify the nano-particle size distribution, the particle number density and volume fraction as well as simultaneously measuring the details of aggregate/agglomerate structure in terms of the aggregate radius of gyration, mass fractal dimension and quantitative measures of the branch content and polydispersity of aggregates [11-21]. SAXS can distinguish between aggregate and primary particle structure in 20 ms measurements on dilute aerosol streams allowing for resolution of transient structural signatures. Here, the first application of this analytic technique to in situ studies of exhaust stream is described [22]. A small portable diesel engine used in an electric generator is used.

We have investigated nano-particulate structural changes during start-up, acceleration, deceleration and under variable load. For example, Figure 1 shows typical in situ scattering data, x-ray intensity versus scattering vector or reduced angle. From the fit to the data using the unified function [13,15,17-19] we can determine the particle size distribution curves shown as an inset in Figure 1. Only the nucleation mode particle size distribution is shown, though the accumulation mode is also measured. The number and volume distributions are shown. We can also determine details of the aggregate/agglomerate structure. Figure 1b shows the experimental setup with the diesel generator in the foreground and the x-ray beam passing horizonal through the tube near Patrick Kirchen. The exhaust stream passes vertically near Pat's hands.

Figure 2 shows some of the parameters from a fit to such a scattering curve mapped as a function of time during dynamic deceleration of the diesel engine. In Fig. 2a the Sauter mean diameter (and radius of gyration for the nano-particles in the nucleation mode) is seen to decrease on deceleration at about 12 s. This coincides with a rise in the number density, Fig. 2b, under almost constant nano-particulate volume fraction. Aggregates of nanoparticles, accumulation mode, also decrease in size on deceleration from a size scale beyond the large limit of the scattering geometry at short times. The mass fractal dimension decreases on deceleration

making looser aggregates/agglomerates. Aggregates are polydisperse and this polydispersity can be quantified in this measurement.

We hope to extend these initial in situ quantifications of the dynamics of nano-particle growth under variable engine conditions, fuel additives, fuel types and exhaust treatment systems and as a function of residence time (position) in the exhaust stream.



Figure 1. a) In situ SAXS from measurements for diesel exhaust at ESRF in France. Scattered intensity is plotted against scattering vector (reduced angle). The fit is to the unified function developed by Beaucage [17-19]. Inset shows particle size distribution obtained from the high-q part of this data set. PDI (below) for this particle size distribution is about 6.4.  $d_p = 19.2 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\sigma_g = 1.48 \text{ (PDI} = 6.40$ ),  $d_f = 2.10$ , c = 1.03, z = 43.6,  $\partial_{Br} = 0.104$ . b) Pat Kirchen adjusting the in situ SAXS measurement at ESRF. X-ray beam passes from right to left through the horizontal tube to Pat's left. Diesel generator is seen in the foreground. Exhaust tube passes vertically near Pat's hands.

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b)

Figure 2. Diesel exhaust measurements at ESRF in France with an engine from ETHZ. Measurement is made during deceleration of the engine from high load at about 12 s. Measurements are made at 3/s though a rate of 50/s is possible. a) Nano-soot particle size versus time with point of deceleration shown by a vertical line.  $d_p$  is the Sauter mean nano-particle diameter,  $R_{g1}$  is the nanoparticle radius of gyration, PDI is a unitless measure of the particle size distribution with 1 being monodisperse,  $R_{g2}$  is the radius of gyration of aggregates of the nano-soot (aggregates are larger than the measurement size before deceleration) and  $d_f$  is the mass fractal dimension for these aggregates. b) Nano-particle number density, N, and volume fraction  $V_f$  as a function of time with point of deceleration shown by the vertical line.

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# Dynamics of Nanoscale Soot in Diesel Exhaust via Small-Angle X-ray Scattering

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λ ~ 0.5 to 15 Å





$$q = \frac{2\pi}{d} \qquad I(q) = N(d)n_e^2(d)$$

N = Number Density at Size "d" n<sub>e</sub> = Number of Electrons in "d" Particles

## **Two SAXS Camera Geometries**



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#### **Guinier's Law**





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#### **Polydispersity Index, PDI**



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## Particle Size Distribution Curves from SAXS

#### **PDI/Maximum Entropy/TEM Counting**



#### Figure 2

USAXS data from aggregated nanoparticles (circles) showing unified fits (bold grey lines), primary particle Guinier and Porod functions at high q, the intermediate mass fractal scaling regime and the aggregate Guinier regime (dashed lines). (a) Fumed titania sample with multi-grain particles and low-q excess scattering due to soft agglomerates.  $d_{VIS} = 16.7$  nm (corrected to 18.0 nm), PDI = 3.01 ( $\sigma_g = 1.35$ ),  $R_g = 11.2$  nm,  $d_t = 1.99$ ,  $z_{21} = 175$ ,  $z_{R_g} = 226$ ,  $R_{g2} = 171$  nm. From gas adsorption,  $d_p = 16.2$  nm. (b) Fumed zirconia sample (Mueller *et al.*, 2004) with single-grain particles, as shown in the inset. The primary particles for this sample have high polydispersity leading to the observed hump near the primary particle scattering regime.  $d_{VIS} = 20.3$  nm, PDI = 10.8 ( $\sigma_g = 1.56$ ),  $R_g = 26.5$  nm,  $d_t = 2.90$ . From gas adsorption,  $d_p = 19.7$  nm.

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Figure 6

Comparison of particle volume distributions for titania made without an electric field using TEM (circles; Kammler *et al.*, 2003), PDI (grey line) and maximum entropy (black line). (*a*) 0.5 g h<sup>-1</sup> [fractal  $d_{VS} = 12.1$  nm, PDI = 3.52 ( $\sigma_g = 1.38$ ),  $R_g = 8.9$  nm,  $d_f = 1.59$ ,  $z_{21} = 1160$ ,  $z_{R_f} = 1343$ ]. (*b*) 55 g h<sup>-1</sup> [ $d_{VS} = 37.2$  nm, PDI = 20.0 ( $\sigma_g = 1.65$ ),  $R_g = 50.8$  nm]. (*c*) 11 g h<sup>-1</sup> [ $d_{VS} = 46.8$  nm, PDI = 155 ( $\sigma_g = 1.61$ ),  $R_g = 60.8$  nm]. (3 g h<sup>-1</sup> is shown in Fig. 5.)

## Particle Size, d<sub>p</sub>



Figure 1. An USAXS pattern of agglomerated fumed silica (Aerosil 200, Degussa AG). The scattering data (circles) are well described by the global unified fit equation (solid line). Furthermore, three Porod regimes (dashed line, dashed-dotted line, and long-short-dashed line) are shown together with the Guinier regimes (dotted line and dashed-double-dotted line). The appearance of the second Porod (weak power-law) regime (0.0005 Å<sup>-1</sup> < q < 0.01 Å<sup>-1</sup>) proves that these particles are agglomerated and mass fractal as shown by the TEM insert. The gray shaded area indicates the integral part for determination of  $d_{\rm MS}$ .



Figure 2. A USAXS plot of a nonagglomerated fumed silica (Si-B 32) made in a 17 g/h sustained premixed flame reactor (ref 18). The scattering data (circles) are well described by the global unified fit equation (solid line). Furthermore, Porod regimes (dashed line and long-short-dashed line) are shown together with the Guinier regime (dotted line). The lack of the Porod (weak power-law) regime at 0.0005 Å<sup>-1</sup> < q < 0.005 Å<sup>-1</sup> indicates that the particles are nonagglomerated as shown by the TEM insert. The gray shaded area indicates the integral part for determination of  $d_{WS}$ .



Figure 3. Comparison of  $d_{WS}$  and  $d_{BET}$  for agglomerated silica powders made in our vapor- or liquid-fed flame aerosol reactors (refs 18 and 20–22) and those of commercially available powders (Aerosil 200 and Aerosil 380, Degussa AG).



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**Linear Aggregates** 



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#### **Branched Aggregates**





 $z = p^c = p^c$  $\mathbf{r}^{d_{\min}}$ 

 $d_f = cd_{\min}$ 

$$\phi_{Br} = \frac{z - p}{z} = 1 - z^{\frac{1}{c} - 1}$$



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#### Large Scale (low-q) Agglomerates





 $I(q) = B_P q^{-4}$ 

#### **Small-scale Crystallographic Structure**









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## **Branched Aggregates**



5mm LAT 16mm HAB Typical Branched Aggregate  $d_p = 5.7 \text{ nm}$  z = 350  $c = 1.5, d_{min} = 1.4, d_f = 2.1$  $\phi_{hr} = 0.8$ 

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#### Examples of Application to In Situ Studies of Flame Made Nanoparticles



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# SAXS and DMA Comparison

#### Typical Diesel Particle Size Distributions, Number, Surface Area, and Mass Weightings Are Shown



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# Experimental Setup for in situ Exhaust SAXS Measurement



Camino Generator Set 4- Stroke Direct Injection Water Cooled Single Cylinder Bore: 65 mm, Stroke: 62 mm 210 cc displacement 2.95 kW 2,600 RPM (Constant) No Turbocharger Fixed Fuel Feed Rate Exhaust Temperature 271-194 °C Vary Load Using Water Heater Measure 1.5 m in Steel Exhaust Pipe

<u>We consider here two fuels</u> 1) "Regular" Diesel (UN 1202) Centane Number 43 Sulfur <10.0 mg/kg  $\rho = 829 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ;  $\eta / \rho = 2.33 \text{ mm}^2$ /s at 40°C Boiling Point 336 °C 2) Kerosene Centane Number 51 Sulfur 9.5 mg/kg  $\rho = 776 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ;  $\eta / \rho = 1.07 \text{ mm}^2$ /s at 40°C Boiling Point 226 °C

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## In Situ Exhaust Measurement 20 ms Exposure on Exhaust Stream



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## Startup Kerosene



## Full Load Removed Regular Diesel at 12 s



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		Reference	Fuel 2
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ):		829	776
Evaporation Temperature (°C	)	336	226
Cetane Number (-)	51	43	
Sulfur Content (mg/kg)		9.5	< 10.0
Aromatic Content (Mass %)		18.6	1.9
Viscosity (mm^2/s at 40°C)		2.33	1.07